THE USAF AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PHOTOREFRACTIVE KERATECTOMY (PRK) WAIVER AND SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM (SG POLICY #00-005)

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POLICY (2 AUG 2000)

- ESTABLISHES USAF POLICY FOR PRK IN AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL
  - ALL AVIATION AND IDENTIFIED SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL IN ACTIVE AND RESERVE COMPONENTS
    - PILOTS, NAVIGATORS, AND OTHER AIRCREW
    - APPLICANTS TO ALL AVIATION AND IDENTIFIED SPECIAL DUTY PROGRAMS
  - SEPARATE FROM THE DoD ***REFRACTIVE SURGERY FOR THE WARFIGHTER PROGRAM***
  - OPTIONAL / NOT A REQUIREMENT

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POLICY

- OPERATIONAL IMPACT
  - SQUADRON COMMANDER PERMISSION REQUIRED
  - EXPECT 6-8 WEEK AVERAGE DNIF
  - EXPECT APPROXIMATELY 4 MONTHS “NO MOBILITY” STATUS FOLLOWING PRK
    - ONCE STEROID EYE DROPS ARE DISCONTINUED, THE “NO MOBILITY” RESTRICTION WILL BE LIFTED
  - BE AWARE OF SMALLPOX VACCINATION RESTRICTIONS

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POLICY

- OPERATIONAL IMPACT (CONT'D)
  - ALL APPLICANTS MUST GET "PERMISSION TO PROCEED" FROM THE USAF PRK REGISTRY BEFORE GETTING PRK
    - AD PILOTS AND AD BOOM OPERATORS MUST OBTAIN PRK AT WHMC
    - AD NON-PILOT AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL MAY OBTAIN PRK AT WHMC OR ANY OPERATIONAL DoD *REFRACTIVE SURGERY FOR THE WARFIGHTER* CENTER
      - SITE SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY
    - ALL AFR / ANG PERSONNEL MUST GET PRK AT OWN EXPENSE IN CIVILIAN SECTOR
  - TDY WILL BE UNIT- FUNDED (NOT MTF FUNDED)
  - ESTABLISHES *THE USAF AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PRK REGISTRY* (THE PRK REGISTRY) AT USAFSAM (ACS)

THE USAF AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PRK REGISTRY

THE *REGISTRY* WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE ACS OF USAFSAM AT BROOKS AFB TO:

1. COLLECT AND ANALYZE DATA TO IDENTIFY AND MEASURE OCCURRENCE OF RELEVANT ADVERSE PRK OUTCOMES IN THE AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY POPULATION
2. IDENTIFY ANY AND ALL ADVERSE EFFECTS OF PRK, DETERMINE THE CAUSES AND TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT OR MINIMIZE THESE PRK-RELATED ADVERSE OUTCOMES IN THE AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY ENVIRONMENT
3. ASSESS THE SUCCESS OF PRK IN THE AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY ENVIRONMENT

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QUOTAS

- NUMBER PER YEAR OF TRAINED PILOTS AND STUDENT PILOTS WITH PRK WAIVERS IS RESTRICTED:
  - PILOTS TREATED PER YEAR LIMITED TO 200, APPORTIONED BY RATED YEARS OF SERVICE (RYOS)
    - MUST HAVE 1 YEAR OF RETAINABILITY AFTER PRK
  - STUDENT PILOTS SELECTED PER YEAR LIMITED TO 100
    - TO ACHIEVE THIS NUMBER, EACH PILOT ACCESSION SOURCE, INCLUDING GUARD AND RESERVE, IS LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 10% OF THEIR SELECTEES WITH PRK WAIVERS PER YEAR
- NO NUMBER RESTRICTION FOR ALL OTHER AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL

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I. CURRENT AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL (AD AND ARC)

A. CLINICAL CRITERIA

- AGE 21 OR OLDER
- CYLOPLEGIC REFRACTION (CYCLOPENTOLATE):
  - MYOPIA :
    - PILOTS: -1.00D OR GREATER, BUT NO MORE THAN -5.50D, IN ANY MERIDIAN (REFRACTED TO BCVA)
    - NON-PILOTS: -1.00 OR GREATER, BUT NO MORE THAN –8.00D, IN ANY MERIDIAN (REFRACTED TO BCVA)
  - ASTIGMATISM UP TO 3.00 DIOPTERS
  - MUST NOT HAVE ANY HYPEROPIA IN ANY MERIDIAN
  - MUST DEMONSTRATE REFRACTIVE STABILITY (NO MORE THAN ±0.50 DIOPTER SHIFT IN SPHERE OR CYLINDER IN THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE BASELINE REFERRAL EXAM)

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I. CURRENT AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL (AD AND ARC)

A. CLINICAL CRITERIA (CONT'D)

- CONTACT LENS WEARERS: MUST REMOVE CONTACT LENSES PRIOR TO ALL BASELINE REFERRAL EXAMS
  - SCL FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS
  - HCL FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS
- NO HISTORY OF CERTAIN OCULAR DISEASES TO INCLUDE:
  - EVIDENCE OF KERATOCONUS, CORNEAL IRREGULARITY, OR ABNORMAL CORNEAL TOPOGRAPHY IN EITHER EYE
  - THOSE LISTED IN POLICY LETTER AND ON PRK APPLICATION FORM
- CORNEAL TOPOGRAPHY WILL BE DONE LOCALLY AND AN ORIGINAL OR COLOR COPY INCLUDED IN THE REFERRAL PACKAGE

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I. CURRENT AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL (AD AND ARC)

B. PRK REFERRAL AND TREATMENT PROCESS

- SQUADRON COMMANDER PERMISSION
- LOCAL SCREENING BY FLIGHT SURGEON AND MILITARY OPHTHALMOLOGIST OR OPTOMETRIST TO VERIFY MEMBER MEETS CLINICAL CRITERIA
- OBTAIN CORNEAL TOPOGRAPHY (CT) AND INCLUDE ORIGINAL OR COLOR COPY OF CT IN REFERRAL PACKAGE
- REFERRAL PACKAGE SENT TO AEROMEDICAL CONSULTATION SERVICE (ACS) FOR “PERMISSION TO PROCEED”
  - USAFSAM / FECO, 2507 KENNEDY CIRCLE, BROOKS AFB TX 78235-5117 ATTN: THE USAF PRK REGISTRY
  - FOR PILOTS, APPORTIONMENT BY RATED YEARS OF SERVICE (RYOS) WILL BE DONE AT ACS

I. CURRENT AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL (AD AND ARC)

B. PRK REFERRAL AND TREATMENT PROCESS (CONT'D)

- ACS MAILS APPROVAL / DENIAL ACTION TO LOCAL FSO
  - FSO NOTIFIES APPLICANT OF ACTION
  - FSO NOTIFIES LOCAL EYECARE PROFESSIONAL OF APPLICATION RESULTS AND COORDINATES F/U SCHEDULE FOR THOSE APPROVED TO PROCEED
  - FSO MANAGES AND MAINTAINS TRACKING PROCEDURES FOR PRK, DNIF ACTIONS, AND COMPLIANCE WITH PLANNED FOLLOW-UPS
- MEMBER SCHEDULES APPOINTMENT FOR PRK
  - AD PILOTS AND AD BOOM OPERATORS AT WHMC
  - AD NON-PILOTS AT DoD WARFIGHTER CENTER (MAY INCLUDE WHMC)
  - ALL ARC AT CIVILIAN CENTER AT OWN EXPENSE

I. CURRENT AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL (AD AND ARC)

B. PRK REFERRAL AND TREATMENT PROCESS (CONT'D)

- TDY TO ACS (AD PILOTS AND BOOMERS ONLY) / WHMC FOR FINAL PRE-OPERATIVE EVALUATION, BASELINING, PRK, AND THE POST-OPERATIVE 12 AND 24 MONTH FOLLOW-UPS
  - ANTICIPATE 2-WEEK TDY
  - FOLLOW-UP EXAMS ARE MANDATORY AT 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12, AND 24 MONTHS; FUTURE FOLLOW-UP INTERVALS YET TO BE DETERMINED
    - AVIATION-SPECIFIC VISION TESTING (AD PILOTS AND AD BOOM OPERATORS) WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED AT ACS DURING THE INITIAL PRETREATMENT, 12-MONTH, 24-MONTH AND FUTURE FOLLOW-UPS
    - 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 6-MONTH MANDATORY FOLLOW-UPS WILL BE DONE AT MEMBER'S BASE OF ASSIGNMENT, BUT ONLY….
      - » IF LOCAL MILITARY EYE CARE PROFESSIONAL COMPLETES AN APPROVED *REFRACTIVE SURGERY FOR THE WARFIGHTER* TRAINING COURSE (LOCAL FLIGHT SURGEON SHOULD CONFIRM ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS TRAINING)

I. CURRENT AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL (AD AND ARC)

B. PRK REFERRAL AND TREATMENT PROCESS (CONT'D)

- ALL FOLLOW-UP EVALUATION DATA ON ALL MEMBERS IN THE AVIATION / SPECIAL DUTY PROGRAM MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE *USAF PRK REGISTRY* AT THE ACS
- REQUIRED TESTS
  - CONSULT LATEST POLICY GUIDELINES FOR CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

I. CURRENT AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL (AD AND ARC)

C. WAIVER PROCESS

- CLINICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR WAIVER AFTER PRK
  - INDIVIDUAL MUST MEET THE APPLICABLE USAF VISION STANDARDS ON 2 DIFFERENT EXAMINATIONS SEPARATED BY AT LEAST 2 WEEKS
  - APPLICABLE NVG VISION STANDARDS MUST BE MET
  - NO SUBJECTIVE COMPLAINTS (GLARE, HAZE, HALOS, DIPLOPIA, OR NIGHT VISION DIFFICULTY)
  - MEMBERS MAY BE WAIVERED FOR AVIATION / SPECIAL DUTY WHILE USING STEROID EYE MEDICATION

I. CURRENT AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL (AD AND ARC)

C. WAIVER PROCESS (CONT'D)

- CLINICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR WAIVER AFTER PRK
  - MAJC0M IS THE PRK WAIVER CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY
  - WAIVER VALIDITY WILL NOT EXCEED ONE YEAR
  - PRK WAIVERS WILL NOT BE INDEFINITE
  - THE AEROMEDICAL SUMMARY WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE *USAF PRK REGISTRY* AT THE ACS OR POSTED IN AIMWTS
  - COMPLETE REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP EVALUATIONS

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II. APPLICANTS FOR AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY WHO HAVE HAD PRK

A. CLINICAL WAIVER CRITERIA

- PRE-PRK BASELINE DATA AS SPECIFIED IN DoD ACCESSION POLICY LETTERS APPLY AND MUST BE PROVIDED WITH INITIAL FLYING CLASS 1 EXAM
- PRE-PRK CYLOPLEGIC REFRACTION (CYCLOPENTOLATE):
  - MYOPIA:
    - PILOTS: -1.00D OR GREATER, BUT NO MORE THAN -5.50D, IN ANY MERIDIAN (REFRACTED TO BCVA)
    - NON-PILOTS: -1.00 OR GREATER, BUT NO MORE THAN –8.00D, IN ANY MERIDIAN (REFRACTED TO BCVA)
  - ASTIGMATISM UP TO 3.00 DIOPTERS
  - ANISOMETROPIA NO GREATER THAN 3.50 DIOPTERS
  - MUST NOT HAVE ANY HYPEROPIA IN ANY MERIDIAN
  - DEMONSTRATED REFRACTIVE STABILITY (NO MORE THAN 0.50 DIOPTER SHIFT IN SPHERE OR CYLINDER IN 2 POST-OP CYCLOPLEGIC REFRACTIONS AT LEAST 6 MONTHS APART)
    - SEE POLICY EXCEPTION FOR PILOT CANDIDATES

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II. APPLICANTS FOR AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY WHO HAVE HAD PRK

A. CLINICAL WAIVER CRITERIA (CONT'D)

- OTHER OCULAR HISTORY DISQUALIFICATIONS IN ATTACHMENT 1. I. 3. APPLY

– POST-PRK
  - REQUIRES A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS POST-PRK FOR ACCESSION
  - NO SUBJECTIVE COMPLAINTS PERTAINING TO GLARE, HAZE, HALOS, DIPLOPIA, OR NIGHT VISION DIFFICULTY
  - NON-PILOT APPLICANTS
    - PRK MUST BE DONE 12 MONTHS BEFORE APPLYING
  - UNDERGRADUATE PILOT TRAINING APPLICANTS
    - PRK MUST BE DONE BEFORE APPLICATION TO PROGRAM
    - MAY APPLY FOR FLYING CLASS I PRK WAIVER AS SOON AS 3 MONTHS POST-PRK (WORKS OUT TO ABOUT 4 MONTHS)
    - POST-OP REFRACTIVE STABILITY EXAMS WILL BE AT LEAST 3 MONTHS APART (WAIVER DOCUMENTATION WILL ACCOMPANY INITIAL FLYING EXAM)
    - MAY NOT START INITIAL FLYING UNTIL 12 MONTHS POST-OP

II. APPLICANTS FOR AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY WHO HAVE HAD PRK

A. CLINICAL WAIVER CRITERIA (CONT'D)

- IF WAIVERED AND SELECTED FOR UPT
  - CANDIDATE WILL UNDERGO INITIAL ACS PRK EVALUATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH MEDICAL FLIGHT SCREENING (MFS) PRIOR TO REPORTING TO UPT BASE - (12-MONTH EXAM)
  - STUDENT PILOT WITH PRK WAIVER MUST BE AT LEAST 12 MONTHS POST PRK AND HAVE COMPLETED INITIAL ACS PRK EVALUATION AT MFS BEFORE BEGINNING THE FLYING PORTION OF UPT - (12 MONTH EXAM)
  - STUDENT PILOT MUST HAVE REPEAT ACS PRK EVALUATION UPON COMPLETION OF UPT AND BEFORE REPORTING TO FORMAL TRAINING UNIT (FTU) - (24 MONTH EXAM)
  - GET ALL FUTURE ACS EVALS AT REQUIRED INTERVALS

II. APPLICANTS FOR AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY WHO HAVE HAD PRK

B. WAIVER PROCESS

- HQ AETC / SGPS IS PRK WAIVER AND CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY
  - MAJCOM IS PRK WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR RENEWALS
  - PRK WAIVER VALIDITY NOT TO EXCEED 1 YEAR
  - PRK WAIVER WILL NOT BE INDEFINITE
- APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE DOCUMENTATION THAT ALL CLINICAL CRITERIA ARE MET
  - MUST BE FORWARDED TO AETC ALONG WITH THE INITIAL FLYING PHYSICAL
  - COPY MUST BE SENT TO THE *USAF PRK REGISTRY* AT THE ACS

II. APPLICANTS FOR AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY WHO HAVE HAD PRK

B. WAIVER PROCESS (CONT'D)

- EVALUATION
  - PILOT AND BOOM OPERATOR APPLICANTS
    - ALL MUST UNDERGO INITIAL ACS EVAL12 MONTHS POST-PRK AND PRIOR TO REPORTING FOR AVIATION OR SPECIAL DUTY TRAINING
  - OTHERS
    - SEE PROGRAM DETAILS
- DATABASE REGISTRY (ALL)
  - ALL FOLLOW-UP EVALUATION DATA ON ALL MEMBERS ACCEPTED INTO THE AVIATION PROGRAM MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE *USAF PRK REGISTRY* AT THE ACS

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RESPONSIBILITIES

- MEMBER
  - OBTAIN SQUADRON COMMANDER'S PERMISSION
  - COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIRED REFERRAL AND FOLLOW-UP EVALUATIONS
  - COMPLY WITH ALL OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOLLOWING PRK
  - ACKNOWLEDGE THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC "GROUNDING"
  - READ THE BOOKLET *"FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PHOTOREFRACTIVE KERATECTOMY (PRK) SURGERY"*
    - WRITTEN BY THE APPROPRIATE PRK LASER MANUFACTURER
    - REQUIRED BY THE FDA BEFORE PRK AND WILL BE PROVIDED
  - ARC MEMBERS CONFIRM CIVILIAN OPHTHALMOLOGIST IS FDA CERTIFIED FOR PRK

RESPONSIBILITIES

- SQUADRON COMMANDER
  - GRANT PERMISSION FOR PRK
  - CERTIFY THAT MEMBER MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PRK PROGRAM
  - AD UNIT FUND ALL REQUIRED TDYs FOR TREATMENT AND FOLLOW-UPS
  - COMPLY WITH OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOLLOWING PRK

RESPONSIBILITIES

- SQUADRON FLIGHT SURGEON
  - PROVIDE SQUADRON EDUCATIONAL BRIEFINGS ON CORNEAL REFRACTIVE SURGERY AND POLICY
    - KNOW PROGRAM DETAILS
    - UTILIZE AFMOA WEB PAGE
  - TIMELY COORDINATION OF INITIAL CLINICAL SCREENING, APPLICATION RESULTS, AND REFERRAL (WITH LOCAL EYECARE PROFESSIONAL)
  - MANAGE AND MAINTAIN TRACKING PROCEDURES FOR PRK, DNIF ACTIONS, AND COMPLIANCE WITH PLANNED FOLLOW-UPS

RESPONSIBILITIES

- SQUADRON FLIGHT SURGEON (CONT'D)
  - SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED WAIVER AND FOLLOW-UP EVALUATION DOCUMENTATION TO APPRORIATE AGENCIES IN TIMELY FASHION
    - ENTER AEROMEDICAL SUMMARY INTO AIMWTS
  - FOLLOW AND COORDINATE RTF DECISION REQUIREMENTS AND ACTIONS WITH MAJCOM OR DESIGNATED LOCAL WAIVER AUTHORITY
  - CONFIRM THAT ATTENDING LOCAL MILITARY EYECARE PROFESSIONAL BEING USED LOCALLY HAS COMPLETED *REFRACTIVE SURGERY FOR THE WARFIGHTER* TRAINING COURSE

RESPONSIBILITIES

- LOCAL OPHTHALMOLOGIST / OPTOMETRIST
  - TIMELY COORDINATION OF INITIAL SCREENING, APPLICATION RESULTS, REFERRAL, AND F/U WITH LOCAL FSO
  - PERFORM ALL LOCAL POST-OP PRK FOLLOW-UP EVALUATIONS USING ACS APPROVED FORMS
  - DETERMINE IF CLINICAL WAIVER CRITERIA ARE SATISFIED
  - COMPLETE THE APPROVED "*REFRACTIVE SURGERY FOR THE WARFIGHTER"* TRAINING COURSE FOR MILITARY EYECARE PROFESSIONALS
  - PERFORM OR OBTAIN CORNEAL TOPOGRAPHY

RESPONSIBILITIES

- LOCAL DESIGNATED WAIVER AUTHORITY (IF DESIGNATED)
  - CONFIRM THAT ALL REQUIRED WAIVER CRITERIA ARE MET
  - INTERIM RETURN TO FLYING STATUS PENDING FORMAL WAIVER REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION
  - ENSURE ALL REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP EVALUATIONS ARE ACCOMPLISHED AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS FORWARDED TO THE *PRK REGISTRY*
  - ACCOMPLISH “GROUNDING ACTION” ON ALL WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP

RESPONSIBILITIES

- MAJCOM
  - AETC: CERTIFICATION AND WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR ALL FLYING TRAINING AND SPECIAL DUTY APPLICANTS
  - MAJCOMs: CERTIFICATION AND WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR OWNED ASSETS
  - ENSURE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION (ALL WAIVER AND FOLLOW-UP EVALUATIONS) ARE FORWARDED TO THE *PRK REGISTRY*
  - OPTION: IF DESIGNATED, ENSURE THEIR LOCAL WAIVER AUTHORITIES COMPLY WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THIS PROGRAM

RESPONSIBILITIES

- MAJCOM (CONT'D)
  - ENSURE THEIR LOCAL MILITARY EYE CARE PROVIDERS COMPLETE THE APPROVED *REFRACTIVE SURGERY FOR THE WARFIGHTER* TRAINING COURSE FOR EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS
  - ENSURE WAIVER ACTION IS ENTERED INTO:
    - AEROMEDICAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND WAIVER TRACKING SYSTEM (AIMWITS) OR,
    - WAIVER TRACKING DATABASE (AIRCREW WAIVER FILE)

RESPONSIBILITIES

- PILOT ACCESSION SOURCES: ENSURE THAT NO MORE THAN 10% OF THEIR UPT SELECTEES HAVE PRK WAIVERS

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RESPONSIBILITIES

ACS AND WHMC: JOINTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF *THE USAF AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PRK PROGRAM*

1. Develop, review, and monitor quality control of all documentation – ACS/WHMC
2. Apportion pilot PRK slots by rated years of service (RYOS) - ACS
3. Notify FSO of status of application - ACS
4. Conduct final pre-op clinical evaluation – WHMC/ACS/WF Centers
5. Complete Informed Consent document – WHMC/WF Centers
6. Provide treatment and follow-up – WHMC/WF Centers
7. Conduct aeromedical vision testing: pre- and post-op - ACS/WHMC/WF Centers
8. Monitor clinical inclusion and exclusion criteria with AFMOA- ACS/WHMC
9. Monitor local referral screening requirements with AFMOA- ACS/WHMC
10. Educate A/SD personnel in corneal refractive surgery – ACS/WHMC
11. Present the *PRK for the Warfighter* training course – ACS/WHMC
12. Establish and maintain the USAF Aviation and Special Duty PRK Registry - ACS
13. Provide reports on status of the USAF Aviation and Special Duty PRK Program to AFMOA - ACS

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RESPONSIBILITIES

- AFMOA
  - PRK WAIVER POLICY AND UPDATES AS NEEDED
  - PROVIDE QUARTERLY UPDATES ON STATUS OF PRK IN USAF AVIATION AND SPECIAL DUTY PERSONNEL AND THE USAF PRK STUDY TO HQ USAF / SG AND HQ USAF / CC

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PILOT OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOLLOWING PRK WAIVER

- FIRST DAY AND NIGHT SORTIE* WITH INSTRUCTOR PILOT
- FIRST NIGHT REFUELING* WITH INSTRUCTOR PILOT
- FIRST NIGHT FORMATION FLIGHT* WITH INSTRUCTOR PILOT
- FIRST NVG FLIGHT* WITH INSTRUCTOR PILOT
- DOCUMENTATION OF SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE FOR ALL OF ABOVE TO BE PROVIDED BY SQUADRON COMMANDER TO THE LOCAL DESIGNATED AEROMEDICAL WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR INCLUSION IN MEMBER'S MEDICAL RECORDS AND *THE PRK REGISTRY*

*THESE EVENTS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE SAME SORTIE IF PRACTICAL

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APPORTIONMENT OF PILOT PRK SLOTS BY RATED YEARS OF SERVICE

RATED YEARS OF SERVICE	*PRK SLOTS (MAX PER YEAR)*
5 OR LESS	45
6-10	55
11-15	50
16-20	35
21-25	10
26 OR MORE	5

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POLICY UPDATES

- Links to official PRK policy updates can be found at the AFMOA website under “Links/Policy”
  - https://www.afms.mil/aeromed/
- Link to the USAF Aviation & Special Duty Photorefractive Keratectomy (PRK)
  Waiver & Surveillance Program
  - https://www.afms.mil/aeromed/USAF_PRK.cfm
- Link to the “Warfighter Corneal Refractive Surgery” webpage
  - https://www.afms.mil/warfightereyes/